ranee of the imported rotable snorkels on 14.3.1988. The Bill of Entry was assessed by Bombay Customs on 16.3.1988. The duty leviable on these goods is 25 per cent *ad valorem.* A request was received from the Municipal Corporation of Delhi for total exemption from payment of customs v on these goods which the Delhi ">ervice was importing from West. Germany. After careful examination, it was decided by the Go- nment not to accede to this re-quest because grant of such exemp-involved substantial revenue implication and Municipal Corporations could get necessary grant from the concerned Ministry.

Working of Peerless General Finance and Investment Company

2754. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: i the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether the Peerless General and Investment Company is functioning satisfactorily within general directives issued by Government from time to time; whether it is a fact that the i ous schemes run by the Com- v do not give handsome benefits 1U members of the investing public; whether Government rose to scrutinise the various mes and persuade the Company to improve the terms and conditions of these schemes?

MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF .'•'INANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LE1RO): (a) to (c) Reserve Bank of indi.i ned a fresh set of direc-tions in May, 1987 known as "Re- ' siduary Non-Banking Companies (Re- i serve Bank) Directions, 1987" which are applicable to the scheme being j tacted by M/s Peerless General Finance and Investment Company Limited. These directions, inter-alia, provide for the minimum and maximum period for which the deposits can be accepted, the rate of interest, bonus or other advantages by whatsoever name called payable on these deposits, and the manner in which the deposits are to be invested. These directions are considered es-sential to provide safe returns on the investments and security to the depositors.

The Reserve Bank of India has reported that the Peerless General Fi-naKce and Investment Company Limited has brought out two new schemes in August, 1987. A perusal of the new schemes reveals that the rale of interest payable and the period of deposits are in accordance with the directions of the Reserve Bank.

Recovery of Joan from M/s. Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co.

2755. SHRI BHAGATRAM MAN-HAR; Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the total assets of M/s. Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Limited including fixed current and moveable immoveable assets were to the tune of more than Rs. 22 crore as per the provisional balance sheet submitted by the Company at the time of management takeover-

(b) if so, what will be the depri-ciated value of the aforesaid assets as on 1st April, 1985;

(c) whether it is also a tact that a sum of Rs. 35 crores given to M/a Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Limited by the financial institutions as Joan is being waived; and

(d) whether it L. a]so a fact that the above loan is recoverable under Section 29D of the Industrial (Development and Regulation) Act and

if so, what measures Government have taken or propose to take to recover the same?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA). (a) to (d) M/s. Swadeshi Cotton Mills Company Ltd, i_s not a nationalised Company. It i_s privately owned. The Government is, therefore, unable to furnish information in respect of this Company.

Letter of credit baek.datea by Reliance Industries Ltd.

2756. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) when did the Reserve Bank of India detect that the Letter of Credit for the Reliance Industries Limited wag back-dated before Government took a policy decision regarding a change whereby the import of TPA was to be banned;

(b) as a result thereof, by how much the Reliance Industries stood i gain, and

(c) since then, what action has been taken against the Reliance In. $dustrie_s$ Limited and what i_s the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO); (a) to (c) $Reserv_e$ Bank of India (RBI) has reported that in November-December, 1985, it had undertaken scrutiny of transactions ' in five Bombay Bank branches relating to opening of letters of credit for import of TPA by $M/_s$ Reliance Industries Ltd. synchronising with the change in the import policy in respect of TPA o_n 29th May, 1985. RBI has intimated that it has no im'ermation in regard to the alleged gain of Reliance Industries.

! CentraJ jBureau of Investigation had also undertaken investigation of these transactions and it_s report *is* under examination.

Pay fixation of Central Government employee^ o_n point to point basis

@2757. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRA-TAP SINGH: DR. RATNAKAR PAN-DEY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is $_a$ fact that consequent on recommendations of l^st, 2nd and 3rd Pa_v Commissions, the pay of Central Government employees i« different grades wa_3 fixed in new scales on point to point basis giving them benefit of the annual increments earned i^ respective grades;

(b) whether no such protection of annual increments earned by the employees exists in the 4th Pay Commission's recommendations with the result that Pay of senior personnel in various grades having put in a number of $year_g$ of service have become equal to that of new entrants and the senior people have been put to disadvantage; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to give the benefit of service in a particular grade to senior personnel by way of fixing their pay on Puint to point basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THF DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The first, third and fourth Central Pay Commissions did not re-

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